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**ANCHORAGE MAN TO SERVE 6 YEARS IN FEDERAL PRISON
FOR SELLING CRACK AND METH**

Anchorage, Alaska – United States Attorney Nelson P. Cohen announced today, May 23, 2008, that Bernard Yamura White, a resident of Anchorage, Alaska, was sentenced in federal court to six years in prison for distributing crack cocaine and methamphetamine.

Chief United States District Court Judge John W. Sedwick imposed the sentence on White, age 26, of 1205 West 79th Avenue in Anchorage.

According to information presented to the court, White sold a total of 40.4 grams of crack over four occasions in October 2007. On two of those occasions, White also sold methamphetamine, which totaled 6.7 grams. A subsequent search of White's residence revealed drug paraphernalia, marijuana, and 2.6 grams of crack.

At sentencing, Donna Daniels, a neighbor of Mr. White, told Judge Sedwick of the destruction and havoc that Mr. White's drug dealing has brought to her neighborhood. Specifically, Ms. Daniels said that people would show up at all hours of the day and night ringing her doorbell looking for Mr. White. On one occasion, shots were fired outside of her residence. In imposing the six-year sentence, Judge Sedwick recognized the problems that drug dealing brings to neighborhoods, and called it one of the "ugliest and dirtiest trades in the community."

Mr. Cohen commended the Anchorage Police Department Metro Drug Enforcement Unit and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives that conducted the investigation that led to the prosecution of White. This case was prosecuted by Special Assistant U.S. Attorney Christine Thoreson, one of two prosecutors in the U.S. Attorney's Office who are funded by the Municipality of Anchorage for the purpose of prosecuting gang-related and violent crime cases.

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